

EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, June 21, 2007

A meeting of the Emergency Commission was held on Thursday, June 21, 2007, in the Governor's Conference Room. Present in the room were Governor John Hoeven, Senator Bob Stenehjem, and Secretary of State Al Jaeger. Participating via telephone were Senator Ray Holmberg, Rep. Rick Berg, and Rep. Ken Svedjan. Governor Hoeven called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Noted: Under the provision of N.D.C.C., Chapter 54-16, and if approved by the Emergency Commission, requests marked with an asterisk will be forwarded for review and approval in the meeting of the Legislative Council Budget Section Committee scheduled for June 28.

1. Office of the Adjutant General * (Request # 1624)

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$6,290,000 to expend previously received federal funds from the National Guard Bureau in the Air Guard Contracts line (\$290,000) and the Army Guard Contracts line (\$6,000,000) for projects uncompleted at the end of the 2003-2005 biennium, for which carryover authorization was not requested into the 2005-2007 biennium and which are now completed.

Representative Svedjan moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting aye were Svedjan, Jaeger, Stenehjem, Berg, Holmberg, and Hoeven. No nay votes. Motion carried.

2. Department of Public Instruction * (Request # 1625)

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$16,000,000 to expend previously received federal funds for operating line (\$1,000,000) and grants line (\$15,000,000) for grants to state's school districts to reconcile agency's biennium budget with federal fiscal years and funding periods.

Senator Holmberg moved for approval. Senator Stenehjem seconded the motion. Voting aye were Holmberg, Svedjan, Jaeger, Stenehjem, Berg, and Hoeven. No nay votes. Motion carried.

3. Department of Public Instruction * (Request # 1626)

Request approval for increased spending authority for the 2007/2009 biennium of \$525,800 to accept federal funds from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) for development of software program to expand and improve direct certifications procedures related to child nutrition, food stamps, and TANF through secured web applications.

Representative Svedjan moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting aye were Berg, Holmberg, Svedjan, Jaeger, Stenehjem, and Hoeven. No nay votes. Motion carried.

4. University of North Dakota (Request # 1627)

Request approval, under the provisions of N.D.C.C. § 54-16-13, to modify and extend an existing line of credit for \$1,515,259 with the Bank of North Dakota into the 2007-2009 biennium for expenditures (with the same prior stipulations *) related to damages caused by a natural disaster occurring in Grand Forks in the spring of 1997, and which line of credit was originally approved for \$12,000,000 by the Emergency Commission on August 4, 1997, and extended by the Emergency Commission on June 11, 2001, and June 4, 2003. (* line of credit only to be used as needed to pay contractors pending receipt of FEMA and/or insurance carrier reimbursements)

Representative Svedjan moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting aye were Stenehjem, Berg, Holmberg, Svedjan, Jaeger, and Hoeven. No nay votes. Motion carried.

5. Department of Transportation * (Request # 1628)

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$250,000 to accept federal funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for driver and vehicle services program – grants line (\$250,000) to provide for safety and accident prevention programs.

Senator Holmberg moved for approval. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. Voting aye were Jaeger, Stenehjem, Berg, Holmberg, Svedjan, and Hoeven. No nay votes. Motion carried.

6. **North Dakota Department of Agriculture * (Request # 1629)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$110,500 to accept federal funds from the US Forest Service for grants line (\$110,500) for control of leafy spurge and multi-county control for noxious and invasive weeds.

Senator Holmberg moved for approval. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. Voting aye were Svedjan, Jaeger, Stenehjem, Berg, Holmberg, and Hoeven. No nay votes. Motion carried.

7. **Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation * (Request # 1630)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$250,000 to accept federal funds from the US Department of Justice for juvenile community services line (\$250,000) for juvenile justice, juvenile delinquency prevention, and juvenile accountability programs.

Senator Stenehjem moved for approval. Representative Svedjan seconded the motion. Voting aye were Holmberg, Svedjan, Jaeger, Stenehjem, Berg, and Hoeven. No nay votes. Motion carried.

8. **North Dakota Veterans Home * (Request # 1631)**

Request approval for a line item transfer of \$65,000 from salaries line to operating line (\$65,000) to allow expenditures related to contract nursing and request approval for increased spending authority of \$100,000 to accept from agency's special funds (\$100,000) to allow expenditures related to medications, primary care labs, medical tests, x-rays, which were paid previously through Fargo's Veterans Administration hospital, and for utilities and travel expenses.

Senator Holmberg moved for approval. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. Voting aye were Berg, Holmberg, Svedjan, Jaeger, Stenehjem, and Hoeven. No nay votes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alvin A. Jaeger', written in a cursive style.

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State
Secretary to Emergency Commission